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SUBJECT: CONCERN ABOUT ISRAELI INTENTIONS

REF: A. AMMAN 3655, B. CAIRO 10981

1. I WAS SURPRISED AND CONCERNED AT SADAT'S STATEMENT
(CAIRO 10981) THAT "WEIZMAN'S REACTION TO THE USG STATE-
MENT HAD BEEN TO ANNOUNCE PARTIAL MOBILIZATION" AND AT
COURT CHIEF SHARAF'S STATEMENT (AMMAN 3655) THAT "SIXTY
PERCENT OF ISRAELIS RECENTLY CALLED UP REMAINED UNDER ARMS
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2. AS FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, NEITHER OF
THESE STATEMENTS IS TRUE BUT IF THEY ARE BELIEVED THEY
WILL CERTAINLY DO NOTHING TO LOWER TEMPERATURES IN THIS
PART OF THE WORLD. THE FACTS, AS OUR DAO HAS REPORTED
IN IR 6849028477 AND PREVIOUS, IS THAT A PUBLICLY
ANNOUNCED CLALL-UP TOOK PLACE FOR ABOUT TEN HOURS ON
JUNE 19 AND 20, THE THIRD NATIONWIDE CALL-UP EXERCISE
SINCE THE YOM KIPPUR WAR. ISRAELI RESERVISTS IN THIS
EMBASSY AS ELSEWHERE WERE AFFECTED; AS FAR AS WE
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KNOW, THEY ARE ALL BACK AT THEIR NORMAL TASKS. IN
ADDITION THERE WERE, AS WE HAVE REPORTED, ABOUT 4,000
RESERVISTS CALLED UP IN MAD-MAY IN ORDER TO AVOID
ANY PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THEELECTION. WE HAVE
NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ALL OF THESE
RESERVISTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED. IN ANY EVENT, THE
"PARTIAL MOBILIZATION" TO WHICH SADAT REFERRED HAD

NOTHING TO DO WITH THE USG STATEMENT.

3. I SUPPOSE THAT SADAT AND SHARAF HAD THEIR OWN
REASONS FOR MAKING SUCH STATEMENTS BUT FOR MY
COLLEAGUES' SAKE I WANT TO GIVE AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS
I CAN OF WHAT THE ISRAELIS SEEM TO BE UP TO.
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